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SENSEX SCALES 65,000 PEAK FOR FIRST TIME, NIFTY AT RECORD HIGH

The two equity indices hit record highs for the third straight session on Monday, on strong foreign fund flows and global equities rally | P12

HISTORIC HIGHS IN INTRA-DAY TRADING

The 30-share BSE Sensex rose 486.49 points or 0.75% to close at 65,205.05. It rallied 581.79 points to its lifetime intra-day high of 65,300.35. Meanwhile, the 50-share Nifty surged to a record high as sectors ranging from energy to FMCG rallied. The Nifty climbed 133.50 points or 0.7% to end at a record high of 19,322.55. During intra-day trading, it zoomed 156.05 points to hit 19,345.10

INVESTOR WEALTH GROWS ₹7.54 CR IN 4 DAYS

- Reliance Industries was the top gainer in the Sensex chart, rising 2.53%, followed by ITC (2.5%), Bajaj Finance 2.46%, and SBI 2.2%
- Foreign investors bought stocks worth ₹7,534 crore and sold ₹5,538 crore, leaving a net investment of ₹1,996 crore in Indian stocks
- Investors' wealth has gone up ₹7.54 lakh crore in fours days of market rally

₹298 lakh cr

THE MARKET CAPITALISATION OF BSE-LISTED FIRMS AS ON MONDAY

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CBI names Lalu, Tejashwi, Rabri in chargesheet

AMIT MUKHERJEE @ New Delhi

THE CBI on Monday filed a fresh chargesheet against Rashtriya Janata Dal leader and Bihar deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav and his parents — Lalu Prasad Yadav and Rabri Devi — in the land-for-jobs scam. Fourteen others, including railway officials and middlemen, were also named in the chargesheet. The agency had filed the first chargesheet in the case in October last year. It said the second chargesheet is to include fresh information about the scam it unearthed during its probe.

According to the CBI, Lalu Prasad gave out railway jobs in exchange for land when he was Union minister during 2004-2009 in the UPA government.

Job seekers were allegedly offered temporary jobs at Group D positions in various zones of Indian Railways and were made permanent after they handed over their lands to Lalu's family members or his associates.

The chargesheet says that in violation of the recruitment process where vacancies are announced through advertisements or public notices, some Patna residents were appointed directly through personalised communication in different zonal railways.

Rivals try to control NCP after rebellion

Disqualification notices out against 9 legislators, 2 MPs

An NCP worker removes Ajit Pawar's photo from the Solapur party office | PTI

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MONTHS after the Sena versus Sena political and legal slugfest in Maharashtra, another one is brewing, this time between blood relatives in the NCP first family.

With the Ajit Pawar faction bolting to join the state government, NCP state president Jayant Patil announced the sacking of the party's chief whip Anil Patil, who was sworn as a minister along with Ajit on Sunday. In his place, Jitendra Awhad was named the new chief whip and leader of the Opposition. Later, Awhad delivered the party's disqualification petition against all nine NCP MLAs who joined the government, to Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar.

In a tit-for-tat, NCP's working president till Sunday morning Praful Patel sacked Jayant Patil as state president and appointed party general secretary and Lok Sabha MP Sunil Tatkare as the Maharashtra head. Patel is a pillar of the Ajit camp. Besides, Ajit questioned the appointment of Awhad as the leader of the Opposition, saying it was the Speaker's prerogative.

A day later, Pawar senior, too, took retaliatory action by issuing disqualification notices to Praful Patel and Sunil Tatkare under the 10th Schedule of the Constitution. He wrote the them calling out their anti-party activity. "Because of their anti-party activities, Patel and Tatkare are deemed to have voluntarily left the membership of the NCP... Besides, the nine MLAs joining the government amounts to desertion of the party. So, they are liable to be disqualified from the party's primary membership and as legislators under the 10th Schedule," the letter stated.

BUZZ ON PRAFUL, FADNAVIS JOINING UNION CABINET

There are indications that NCP's Rajya Sabha MP Praful Patel, who orchestrated the entire operation of Ajit Pawar and his group joining the government, the party's Lok Sabha MP Sunil Tatkare and BJP deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis could be inducted into the Union cabinet in the forthcoming reshuffle at the Centre. "The BJP has decided to drop non-performing ministers in the Centre and state and accommodate new faces, including from the NCP faction. It will help them to project the image of an inclusive party," an NCP leader claimed.

Need to bring K'taka out of its economic distress: Governor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AHEAD of the state budget this week to be presented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Monday said there is a need to bring Karnataka out of its economic distress and that the emphasis is on a people-centric economy.

For the first time, the Governor's speech was delivered in the absence of the leader of opposition, whose seat was empty. Addressing a joint sitting of both Assembly and Council members, Gehlot said the government's aim is to make Karnataka a socially inclusive and culturally vibrant economic powerhouse.

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Thaawarchand Gehlot, Karnataka Governor

"There is a need to strengthen the fiscal, administrative and legislative independence of the state. Karnataka, which once stood tall and contributed immensely to the country, has landed into a state of distress. Bringing Karnataka out from this economic distress shall be the priority of my government. My government will showcase new Karnataka governance as a model to the country by balancing both the welfare and the state's economy," he added.

Stressing on the guarantee schemes, the governor said the world is moving towards a people-oriented economy and in this context, the concept of universal basic income is gaining support. This narrows the gap between haves and havenots. P4

Govt forms SIT to probe multi-crore Bitcoin scam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE state government has issued orders to form a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the multi-crore Bitcoin scam, which had rocked the previous BJP government over allegations that some of its ministers and senior police officers were involved in the case.

Congress, which was then in opposition, had said it would order probes into all scandals, including the Bitcoin scam, that occurred during the BJP rule if voted to power.

The SIT will come under the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), the state's premier investigation agency. The government's move is seen as the first step in ordering reinvestigation into several cases that put the previous government in a tight spot. CONTINUED ON: P5

EXPRESS READ

Next oppn meet in Bengaluru on July 17-18

Bengaluru: The next meeting of opposition parties will be held in Bengaluru on July 17 and 18. The first one was held in Patna recently. AICC General Secretary KC Venugopal tweeted on Monday that the meeting will discuss "a bold vision to take the country forward" | P9

Bus drags student for 100 metres

Bengaluru: A 17-year-old student, who was riding pillion with her father on a bike, was killed when a bus dragged her for 100 meters on the Bengaluru-Tumakuru Road on Monday. Police said S Disha's leg got entangled with the bus tyre when it tried to overtake | P3

PU student stabbed to death near his home

Bengaluru: A first PU student was stabbed to death just 100 metres from his home in Manjunath Nagar on Monday. The police said Sohail (17) was returning home from college when two bike-borne miscreants stabbed him.

SC bench to hear pleas on Article 370 on July 11

New Delhi: Nearly four years after the government abrogated Article 370 that bestowed special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, a five-judge bench will take up for hearing a batch of pleas challenging the decision on July 11 | P10

HEAVY RAIN

IMD FORECASTS SHOWERS FOR 5 DAYS

Heavy to very heavy rainfall will prevail over most parts of the state for next five days. A blue alert has been issued for coastal and north interior Karnataka till July 7 | P5

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